HOPI CULTURAL PRESERVATION OFFICE CULTURAL RESOURCE SITE FORM

HCPO#: 016-03

ASM/OTHER #'s:

DATE RECORDED: 08/06/03

PROJECT TITLE & NUMBER:

HCPO 2003-0038, An Archaeological Survey and

Cultural Resources Inventory for the proposed construction of an improved road along BIA Route 60(N) Low Mountain.

Arizona.

ARCHAEOLOGIST(S):

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LOCATION

USGS MAP: Sun Altar, Arizona Provisional Edition 1991

COUNTY:

Navajo

LEGAL LOCATION:

T28N, R19E Unplatted

ZONE 12 UTM:

0561800E

3966567N

NATURAL SETTING

ELEVATION:

5,823ft/1,775m

VEGETATION PRESENT: Saltbrush, rabbitbrush, Russian Thistle, Prickly Pear Cactus, and other small invasive species of shrubs.

SOIL TYPE: The soil within the site consists of medium brown fine-grained sand deposits.

GROUND VISIBILITY:

81-100% ground visibility with low shrubs.

SITE SUMMARY

CUTURAL AFFILIATION (S):

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DATE OF OCCUPATION: Basketmaker III-Pueblo I

HOW DETERMINED: Ceramics

SITE TYPE: A small lithic scatter with very few ceramics.

SITE SIZE (1 x w):

45m x 35m (147ft x 114ft)

ASSEMBLAGE DATA:

Ceramic Counts: 10+ Lithic Counts: 10+

Groundstone Counts:

Replaced

N/A

COLLECTION MADE: none OF WHAT? N/A METHOD:

PHOTO(S) ON ROLL: N/A NUMBERS: N/A

MANAGEMENT

<u>SITE DESCRIPTION:</u> The site is located near SR 264 and at the beginning of the proposed alternate route. This site is situated directly within the proposed centerline and proposed ROW's for the project location. This site is primarily a small lithic scatter consisting of 6 tertiaries, 1 biface and 1 primary ltihic debitage. Only a few ceramics were located that consisted of Tusayan Corrugated and Tusayan Plain Gray Ware. Due to contents within this site, it indicates a late period of Basketmaker. High vegetation of invasive species have taken the majority of the surface and it is difficult to locate any features if any exists. Therefore, a possibility of subsurface cultural resources may be present.

NRHP ELIGIBILITY UNDER 36 CFR 60.4 (National Register): Eligible. Site meets 50-year requirement.

<u>INTEGRITY:</u> Retains integrity of location and setting.

<u>CRITERIA a-d:</u> Eligible under criterion d for potential to yield important

information.

EXCLUSIONS: None

<u>DOES SITE MERIT PROTECTION UNDER 43 CFR 7.3 (Archaeological Resources Protection Act):</u> Meets 100 year requirement and is of scientific interest.

<u>Act)</u>: Prehistoric sites are known to hold significance to various extant Native American groups, however, there is no acknowledged significance to this particular site.

EXTENT OF INVESTIGATION TO DATE: This recording.

<u>CONDITION OF SITE & DISTURBANCES:</u> The site is fair with disturbances deriving from livestock, human activity and vehicular activity.

<u>RECOMMENDATIONS:</u> The site is resting directly within the proposed alternate route location. In order to help maintain protection for this site, construction and all activities associated with the project will not take place and all avoidance to the site will be adhered to. It is recommended that a new alternate route be located.

ATTACH SITE MAP: See Figure 19.